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1. AT LUNCHEON HOSTED BY DEPMIN ELECTRONICS PETUR KISEOV IN HONOR VISITING CONTROL DATA CORPORATION OFFICIALS, EMBOFFS WERE INFORMED ON PENDING $5 MILLION PROJECT TO UPGRADE BULGARIAN DISC DRIVE PRODUCTION AT PAZARDZHIK PLANT. CDC OFFICIALS, WHO WERE VISITING SOFIA AS PART OF FIVE-YEAR COOPERATION AGREEMENT SIGNED DURING FORMER VICE PREMIER IVAN POPOV'S VISIT LAST SEPTEMBER, ARE NEGOTIATING CASH SALE OF EQUIPMENT AND TRAINING OF BULGARIANS FOR PRODUCTION OF DISC DRIVES WITH 29 MEGABYTE CAPACITY. BULGARIAN PRODUCTION OF DISC DRIVES IS APPARENTLY LIMITED AT PRESENT TO CAPACITY SEVEN AND HALF MEGABYTES. BULGARIANS NOTED THEY HAVE ALREADY PURCHASED AND ARE OPERATING 29 MEGABYTE DISC DRIVES IN BULGARIA.

2. CDC ALSO APPARENTLY HOPES TO OBTAIN TECHNOLOGY WHICH WOULD ALLOW FOR "INTERFACE" OF CDC AND PAZARDZHIK DISC DRIVES WITH SOVIET "RYAD SERIES".
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